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(Case Docket No. 21729)

Examiner: R.Gitomer

For: **USE OF PDE4D IN THE SCREENING FOR MEDICAMENTS AGAINST
ATHEROSCLEROSIS**

RCE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and RCE are in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 11, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants request a one (1) month extension of time. With this extension of time, this Preliminary Amendment/RCE is timely filed. Entry of this Amendment is earnestly requested to place this case into condition for allowance or appeal.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 11, 2008, Claims 21 and 23 stand currently pending. Please amend claim 21 as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows: